

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, June 1, 2017 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

## **THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2017**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Nancy Barton, RN, MSN  
Julia Worthy, RN, MSN  
Dellarie Shilling, RN, DNP, FNP-BC

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director  
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Edye Tillman-Johnson, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Kirsten Daugdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Barton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, 2017.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Shilling moved, Worthy seconded and the Committee voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, June 1, 2017 Barton declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

### **INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES**

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Worthy moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

**RNI170904** – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Difficult or Challenging? Dealing with Patients and Effective Communication with Patients.

**LPNI170380** – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and Ethics of Nursing Practice.

**LPNI170390** – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

**LPNI170382** – Close the case.

**RNI170965** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI140619** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, narcotic restrictions until cleared by an addictionologist, work place restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), random quarterly drug screens, substance abuse stipulations, course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, and a fine of \$500 for violation of previous order. Barton abstained.

**RNI170893** – Refer to Investigations to obtain records from facilities.

**RNI170884** – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

**LPNI170424** – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

**RNI170964** – License by endorsement with a Letter of Concern (Criminal).

**RNI170971** – Request documentation regarding whether or not applicant has been in treatment. Need update regarding current status.

**RNI170018** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI160989** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI170032** – Close case with a Letter of Concern (Scope of Practice).

**LPNI140009** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand, a fine of \$500 for violation of a previous order, a minimum of three (3) months suspension, may petition to lift with documentation from current employer noting that they have a copy of the consent order.

**RNI170700** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), Substance Abuse Stipulations, work restrictions, Naltrexone statement, and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

**RNI170790** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), monthly drug screens for 12 months and quarterly thereafter, Substance Abuse Stipulations, work restrictions, and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. Barton abstained.

**RNI170219** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include three (3) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), Substance Abuse Stipulations, random quarterly drug screens, and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

**LPNI170432** – Deny the reinstatement. May reapply with documentation of one full quarter of personal, employer and aftercare reports.

**RNI160787/RNI160867** – Deny authorization. May reapply after completion of consent order.

**RNI151100** – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Ethics of Nursing Practice and Georgia Nurse Practice Act.

**RNI140531** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

Shilling seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

  
James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**